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Comment Of The Day

Housing

It is perhaps rash to pass judgment in a day on a report which experts will take months to digest, but the Housing Committee's findings tabled in Wednesday invite one immediate comment. That is the low priority which slum clearance and rehousing generally have been given in the proposed allocation of public funds.

Possibly much of this work can be undertaken by private capital but what Government will need to do in any proposed ten-year plan is to outline what needs to be done, having assessed the community's needs and the resources and capital available, and either take on itself or make other financial provision for what private capital is reluctant or unable to undertake.

A Danger

WHAT the Housing Committee regards as most important is the development of new land and the further development of partially built-up areas coupled with the provision or extension of communal services to these areas. This is understandable for what is involved here is the spadework for projects like satellite towns and major housing schemes but there is a danger in trying to assess relative importance that work which has been crying for attention for years will, by lack of capital, resources and initiative, continue neglected.

What a 10-year housing scheme ought to concern itself with is clearing up the accretion of dwellings that after decades have turned areas like Wanchai, West Point, Shamshui and even parts of Central District into vast sprawling filthy tenement towns. And if our main effort cannot be directed at these districts they ought to be given an equivalent priority with schemes to house the new and growing industrial communities in the Territories.

There is also the squatter resettlement programme which has been absorbing a large part of our general housing expenditure and effort for years. There is no case for relaxing this fine achievement particularly as homeless immigrants from China continue to add to our difficulties. Here is the third main feature of our housing effort and this also requires an equal priority with rehousing and land development.

Raising Capital

HERE then is a suggested outline for an overall plan. It has been proposed that a separate Housing Department supervise it. Whether a new department or an extension of the PWD into a Department of Works and Housing in best, can be settled later. The committee makes a number of good recommendations on ways and means of raising capital for building. It is not that the Colony is threatened with a "cessation in activity of private capital to finance housing expansion" so much as it cannot ensure that private capital will be devoted to the most needed schemes.

What needs to be done first, however, is to conduct a population census and a housing survey. These are two essential prerequisites.

8,000-POUND EARTH SATELLITE EXPECTED TO HAVE SHORT LIFE SPAN GIGANTIC U.S. ATLAS IN ORBIT

Bulganin Confesses To His 'Crimes'

Moscow, Dec. 18. The former Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, admitted today that he supported, and was nominal leader of the Anti-Party group of Kremlin leaders who were ousted from top jobs.

Bulganin said the Anti-Party group engaged in "criminal activities." He said members had met in his office while he was still Premier.

Bulganin made the admission before top Soviet leaders at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party here.

'I Joined ...'

The ousted Bulganin, dismissed from the Premiership last spring, conceded that all that Premier Nikita Khrushchev had said in his bitter criticism of the Anti-Party group had been true.

Bulganin said that as Premier he had joined the Anti-Party group of former Foreign Ministers V. M. Molotov and Dmitri Shepilov, former Premier Georgi Malenkov and President member Lazar Kaganovich, the official Soviet News Agency Tass disclosed.

"When in 1957 the Anti-Party activities of Malenkov, Kaganovich, Molotov and Shepilov developed, I joined them," he said.

"I supported them and became their partisan and accomplice. Being the chairman of the Council of Ministers (Premier) I not only became their accomplice but also continually their leader."

'I Opposed ...'

"The members of the Anti-Party group persistently opposed the course which was proclaimed by the 20th Party Congress, and which was so successfully implemented in life," he said.

Molotov was described by Bulganin as a man "estranged from life and the people, who knew nothing of industry and agriculture."

Kaganovich he described as a man adept at fine phrases, who occupied himself by hindering the work of others and making long and confused speeches.

Bulganin called Malenkov "an intriguer capable of any dirty trick and any abomination."—U.P.I.

Designed To 'Talk Back' To Earth

Cape Canaveral, Florida, Dec. 18. The United States Air Force launched the biggest Earth satellite of the space age tonight, an 8,000-pound Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, more than twice the size of Russia's Sputnik III. The mighty Atlas, which only last month was fired at its full 6,800-mile missile range for the first time, is designed to "talk back" to the Earth.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"You know I've a nasty feeling that sooner or later one of those gold-plated little jobs from Cape Canaveral isn't going to burn up on meeting the earth's atmosphere and it won't be over N. Africa."

Partition: The Worst Solution For Cyprus

London, Dec. 18. Premier Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons today that his Government regarded partition "as the worst possible solution" for Cyprus.

Mr Macmillan added, however, "but it is one which might be forced if nothing else can be done."

Mr Macmillan said that in Cyprus Britain was searching for a plan reconciling all the different points of view.

He said it was a solution "where everyone gives up something and where there is first a provisional settlement if a final one cannot be got, but ultimately by a final settlement which is fair to all."—U.P.I.

It had been billed as a routine test firing. But a large number of high officials were on hand to watch.

Two hours later, President Eisenhower, informed during a White House diplomatic dinner, issued the dramatic announcement that the Atlas was in orbit.

The newest U.S. satellite is equipped with a new nose cone containing a special communicating system to send back space data to earth.

The Defence Department in Washington hinted that a recording of President Eisenhower's voice may have been transmitted to a "memory" device in the missile.

High Point

Preliminary data indicated the new satellite is orbiting the Earth once every 100 minutes at a high point of 320 statute miles. Its lowest point in orbit was about 115 miles.

It is expected to remain in orbit about 20 days—a relatively short life span, but its value is expected to be great.

"This successful launching constitutes a major step forward in space exploration and opens new avenues for the United States and all mankind in their efforts to explore the peaceful uses of outer space," the Defence Department said.

Entire Vehicle

The Atlas, which the Defence Department said already has proved its operational capabilities—that of carrying a hydrogen warhead more than 6,000 miles—is the U.S.'s only tested intercontinental ballistic missile. The one fired into orbit tonight was the 16th fired since June, 1957.

The entire vehicle of the Atlas, all of its immense bulk except booster rocket engines, was put in orbit.

It was the fifth Earth satellite put into orbit by the U.S. Russia has orbited three Sputniks. The U.S. has put three Jupiter missile Explorer satellites and a Navy Vanguard satellite into orbit. Still aloft in addition to the Atlas are the U.S.'s Explorer I, Explorer IV and Vanguard I, which may stay up 200 years. Sputnik III is the only Russian satellite still in orbit.

Armed Forces

The Atlas satellite was named "Project SCORE." The Defence Department disclosed that the orbit was achieved with the Atlas normal full complement of three liquid fuel rocket engines.

SPACE MONKEY SHOWS MAN CAN STAND SIMILAR TRIP

Washington, Dec. 18. Two space scientists said today that data gained from a rocket which carried a live monkey into the fringe of space last Saturday indicated that man could stand up to a similar trip.

The information was relayed back to scientists on Earth from the rocket which carried Gordo, a tiny squirrel monkey, 300 miles high to the edge of outer space.

HARD LUCK
The scientists, Captain Norman L. Burr of the United States Navy and Colonel Robert Holmes of the Army, told reporters that only "hard luck" prevented the recovery of the rocket's nose-cone and its monkey passenger from the south Atlantic where it fell.

The loss was due to failure of some intricate devices which would have aided recovery of the nose-cone.

Asked by reporters whether on the basis of the monkey's reaction to the flight they believed man, too, could withstand the rigours of rocket travel, the two scientists replied:

"From this information you could be almost certain he would."

They added that the physical requirements of a man to make such a flight need not be extraordinary.

LITTLE CHANGE

They said that for brief intervals during the rocket's take-off from Cape Canaveral and during its downward plunge the monkey was subjected to extreme gravity force, as high as 40 times the normal pull of gravity at one point.

Bat Gordo, the two scientists said, had shown little change in condition and his respiration and heartbeat, which increased in tempo at take-off, quickly became normal during flight.—Reuter.

Lloyd Back In London

London, Dec. 18. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, returning to London by air tonight after this week's Western consultations in Paris, denied that last Wednesday's meeting with General Charles de Gaulle had been "icy cold."

The Foreign Secretary left London last Saturday and attended the Nato council meeting in Paris.—Reuter.

BIG RUSH-HOUR TRAM HOLD-UP

By CHINA MAIL REPORTERS

Thousands of people were late for work this morning when the wheel-centre of a tram-car collapsed during the rush-hour, causing a 40-minute disruption of service. The accident occurred just past Metro Cars Garage, North Point.

This is the worst traffic delay the Hongkong Tramways have experienced this year.

Office-workers who have to travel from North Point to Central every morning today were forced to leave the tram-cars and head for the nearest bus-stop.

Long Queues

Soon long queues were forming and later it was almost impossible to get onto a bus. The taxi-cabs were next on the scene, and within minutes it was just as impossible to hail a taxi.

As more trams were held up, the crowds swelled and the air was filled with frustrated complaints. The tramways company began to stop trams coming from Shaukiwan, at the North Point Terminus, and more crowds formed.

The bus services were overcrowded until well after nine o'clock when the trams resumed.

Collapsed

Mr C. S. Johnston, Manager of the Hongkong Tramways, told the China Mail this morning that the accident occurred when the wheel-centre of a tram coming towards the city collapsed, near Metro Cars Garage, North Point.

Tramway engineers worked feverishly to clear the line, but shortly after the tram was on its way to the Depot, it stopped again. This time it was derailed.

"We estimate that in all there was a delay of 40 minutes. It was the worst delay this year," Mr Johnston said.

Buses On Road

Another official of the tramways company said he could not tell how many tramcars were held up until he had received all the reports.

The Traffic Manager of the China Motor Bus Company said this morning that as the accident had occurred during the peak hours, the company had all its available buses on the roads. These number some 180. There were no extra buses put into service.

He added that on the North Point run, there was a bus roughly every one and a half minutes.

PEOPLE'S CONGRESS TO MEET IN MARCH

Tokyo, Dec. 19. The Chinese Communist Party Central Committee apparently has decided to delay convening of the People's Congress two months.

The Congress originally was scheduled to meet early in January, but all indications are now that it will not meet until March.

It is the congress which will elect a new chief of state to replace Mao Tse-tung, who will not seek re-election as chairman.—U.P.I.

CHA-CHA BAN AT No. TEN

'Wouldn't Stand The Strain'

London, Dec. 18. Rock-and-roll and the cha-cha are to be banned at a Christmas Party for 150 teenagers at Number Ten Downing Street tonight.

The reason, according to newspaper gossip columnists, is that the notoriously creaky state of the British Prime Minister's residence would not stand the strain.

Walls Out

Surveyors have discovered that Number Ten's walls are out of plumb, that the floors are weak, that there is beetle in the woodwork and the foundations are shifting.

An architect's plan for the reconstruction of 10, 11 and 12 Downing Street at a cost of £400,000 is now under Government consideration.

Parties at 10 Downing Street are normally restricted to a maximum of 200 to 250 guests.

Tonight's guest list has been cut further to the 180 mark because they will be young people and there will be dancing.

Fox Trots

The party is being given by Lady Dorothy Macmillan wife of Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

Her oldest daughter, Mrs Ann Faber, mother of a teenage son and daughter, is quoted today as saying: "All the dances will be very sedate—fox trots and the like."

"Definitely nothing of the rock-and-roll type. I should think the place might fall to pieces if we tried anything like that."

Dancing will be from 8.30 p.m. until midnight and five of Mr Macmillan's 13 grandchildren will be present.—Reuter.

Missile Plan Scrapped

Washington, Dec. 18. The U.S. Regulus Two guided missile programme was cancelled tonight.

The Navy Department, announcing cancellation of the \$78 million project, said the decision was made "in the light of rapidly changing technology in the missile field."—Reuter.

Newborn Baby Said 'Sacrificed' In Black Magic Ceremony

Brighton, Dec. 18. The Chief Constable of this south coast holiday resort today ordered an inquiry into allegations that a newborn baby was recently "sacrificed" at a black magic ceremony in neighbouring Rottingdean Village.

The allegations were made last night by Mr Leslie Roberts, author and authority on witchcraft, at a local society lecture.

The Chief Constable Mr A. E. Rowell, said that Mr Roberts told detectives about the story

several weeks ago but after inquiries it could not be corroborated and was dismissed as fantastic.

Now that Mr Roberts had made a further public statement a full investigation would be made and the matter treated seriously, he added.

Police did not normally interest themselves in black magic unless the rites broke the law. If the present report was true a murder had been committed, Mr Rowell said.—China Mail Special.

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HK Government Staff Changes

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:—

Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite, Cadet Officer, Staff Grade, to be Deputy Financial Secretary (Economic), vice Mr. Hetherington.

Mr. R. M. Hetherington, Cadet Officer, Class I, ceased to act as Deputy Financial Secretary (Economic) on proceeding on leave.

Mr. R. W. J. Tapley, Cadet Officer, Class II, ceased to act as Establishment Officer, Colonial Secretariat, on resumption of duty by Mr. G. C. Hamilton.

Mr. C. A. R. Wilson, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be Chief Assistant Director of Social Welfare, vice Mr. H. M. A. Bristow.

Mr. W. Rees to be a Deputy Commissioner of Estate Duty in addition to his other duties, vice Mr. L. W. Crew.

Mr. L. W. Crew, Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue, resumed duty on return from leave.

Mr. W. J. Darby, Chief Assessor, ceased to act as Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue on resumption of duty by Mr. Norris.

Mr. L. W. Crew, Assessor, ceased to act as Chief Assessor.

Mr. H. Finney, Assistant Assessor, ceased to act as Assessor.

Mr. H. J. Carlyle, Sub-Inspector of Police, to be Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. David Heibert to be a Medical Officer.

Mr. D. H. Small, Dental Surgeon, ceased to act as Specialist (Dental) on resumption of duty by Mr. W. C. Allwright.

Mr. Yu Yat-sum, Assistant Fisheries Officer, to be Acting Fisheries Officer during the absence of Mr. W. D. Orchard.

Mr. R. A. Waters, Estate Surveyor, to be Building Surveyor.

Mr. F. Crabb, Senior Executive Officer, Class II, to be Acting Principal Accountant, Treasury Headquarters, vice Mr. Frata.

Mr. A. J. M. Frata, Senior Executive Officer, Class II, ceased to act as Principal Accountant, Treasury HQ.

Mr. David Hampton, Assistant Chief Officer, Prison Department, to be Chief Officer, vice Mr. C. T. F. McDonald.

Dr. E. G. N. Greaves, Chemist, to be Acting Government Chemist during the absence of Mr. E. Collins.

Mr. R. A. L. Elery, Assistant Quartermaster Authority, ceased to act as Quartermaster Authority on



Mr. J. J. Cowperthwaite

resumption of duty by Mr. H. R. J. Woulfe Flanagan.

Mr. Chan Cheong-wing, Senior Labour Inspector, resumed duty on return from leave.

Mr. Huang Ping-wei, Labour Inspector Class I, ceased to act as Senior Labour Inspector on resumption of duty by Mr. Chan Cheong-wing.

Miss D. I. Ogle to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr. Leung Ping-wei, Sub-Inspector of Schools.

Mr. Chan Ki-sum to be a Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

Removed From Company Register

Today's Government Gazette notified that the names of the following companies have been taken off the Company Register and the companies dissolved:—

Cathay Trading and Development Corporation Ltd., Hillel-Milbrat Associates (Hongkong) Ltd., South West Development Ltd., The First China Trading Co. Ltd.

The Gazette also stated that the name of Yung Yip Vacuum Flask Manufacturing Co. Ltd., will be struck off the register in three months unless cause is shown to the contrary.

New Consul

Mr. Kuniyasu Tsuchida has been accorded formal recognition as Consul for Japan at Hongkong, according to today's Government Gazette.

Triad Man Gets 9 Months Gaol

A 19-year-old shop boy, Tong Man, alias Tong Chai, was sentenced to nine months' gaol when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning to charges of being a Triad society member.

He had four previous convictions.

DSI Laurel said Tong was arrested following inquiries into a report of alleged intimidation.

At the station he admitted that he obtained a wrist watch from a fellow Triad member, a school boy, under the pretext of saving him from being arrested.

He pawned the watch and gave the proceeds to a Police detective sergeant.

This afternoon, his Embrace will visit St. Francis of Assisi Church in Kowloon and the settlements of Chuk Yuen and Ngau Tau Kok.

Below: Cardinal Agagianian signs the visiting book at Flagstaff House later in the morning.



5,000 STUDENTS ATTEND SERVICE

More than 5,000 students attended a Thanksgiving Mass in the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Agagianian.

"This is a memorable hour," he told the students.

"We are here to offer this Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for the Centenary of the arrival here of the first missionaries of the Pontifical Mission."

"It is the anniversary of the day when the light of the Gospel was transmitted to you."

"As representative of the Holy Father, who is the Master of the Catholic Church and personally I wish to express my appreciation to those Fathers responsible for this wonderful apostolate."

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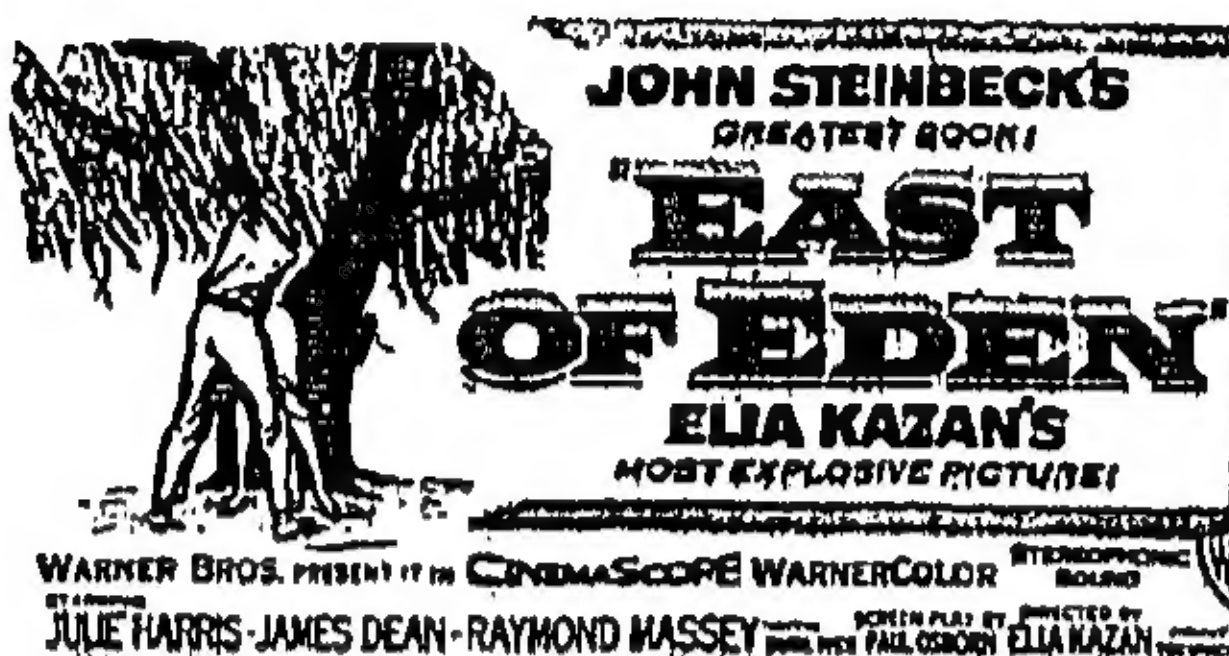
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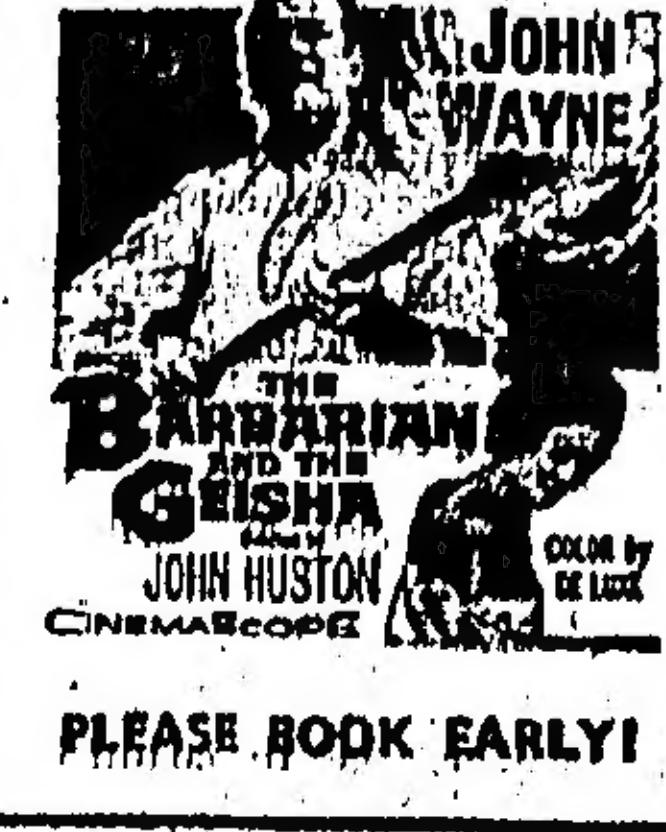
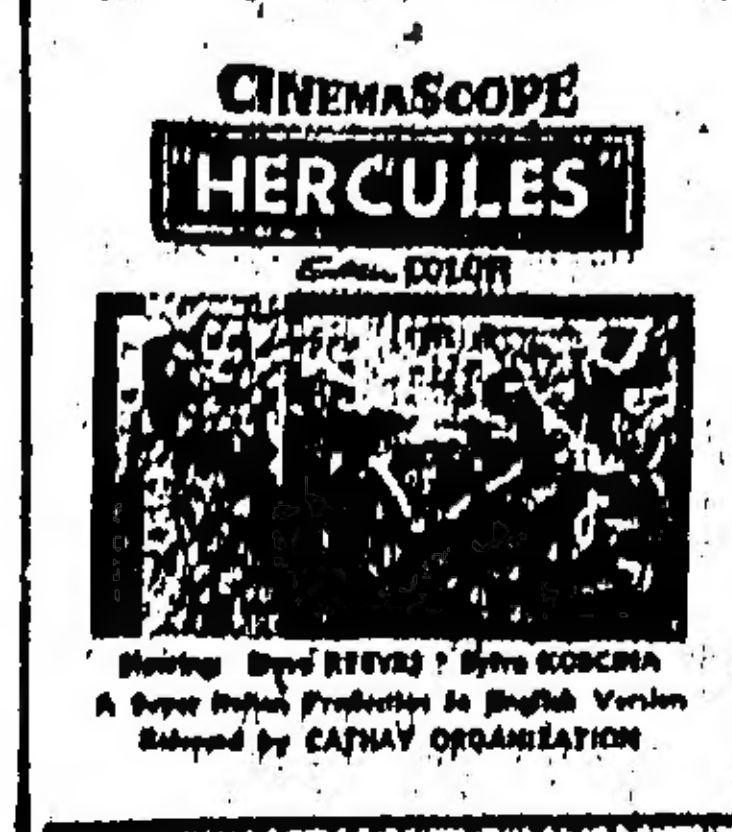
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STILL THE GOOSE-STEP

Washington, Dec. 18.

The United States Government today appeared willing to discuss world problems with Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister, when he visits Washington early in January.

U.K. Troops "Live Like Pigs" In Cyprus

London, Dec. 18.

The British Government is urgently investigating a complaint that British troops in Cyprus live in conditions "not fit for pigs", the House of Commons was told today.

It was also announced that the War Ministry, Mr. Christopher Soames, would visit Cyprus during the Christmas Parliamentary recess.

Mr. Hugh Fraser, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Ministry, said the complaint was contained in a letter to a news paper here by a warrant officer stationed on the island, who said that owing to the condition of the tents in his camp, his men were living "in the most abject conditions it is possible to see."

The letter added: "I write to tell you of the number of requests for new tents sent off months ago you would find it hard to believe, but we continue to live in conditions not fit for pigs." China Mail Special.

Memoirs Asked For

Peking, Dec. 19.

Veterans of the Chinese revolution are being urged to write their individual memoirs of the years of campaigns and struggles which led to the Communist capture of power in 1949.

The Communist Party newspaper, People's Daily, called on them "on a vast scale" to put down their stories and said that this was a work of "great significance."

It was not only the best way of remembering those who lost their lives in the fighting, but it could also be very useful in teaching the younger generation and would form a part of China's revolutionary literature, said the newspaper. Reuter.

The promptness with which the State Department agreed to Mr. Mikoyan's unusual request for permission to visit this country as a guest of his own country's ambassador suggested that he would find all official doors open to him.

However, the Government will not exactly roll out a red carpet.

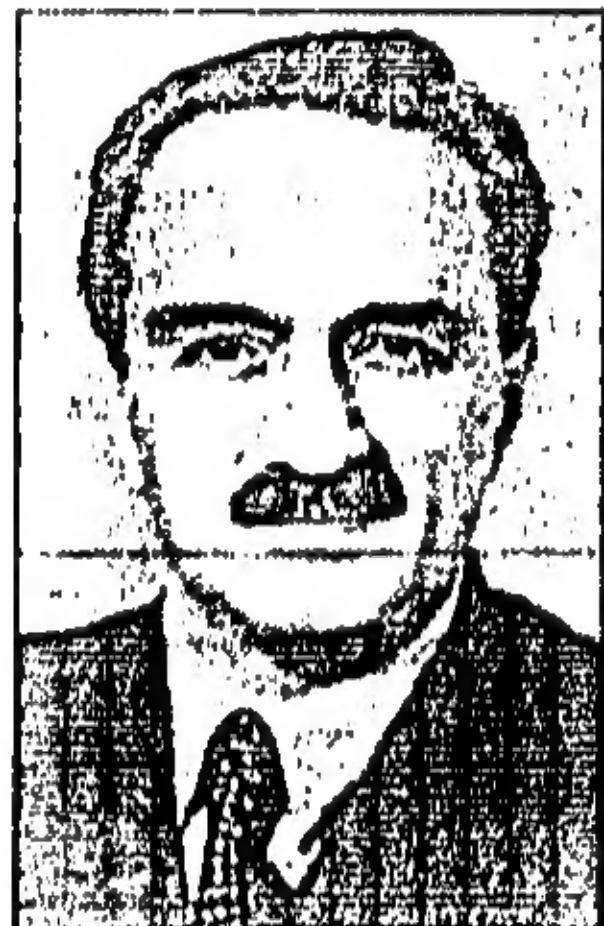
Mr. Mikoyan's prime objective in any talks he has with United States officials is expected to be to increase East-West trade. But he could bring with him some suggestions of Berlin and other problem areas.

Mr. James Hagerly, the White House press secretary, said he did not know if Mikoyan would meet President Eisenhower when he visited Washington. He said he did not know what Mr. Mikoyan's plans were.

Visit By K?

There was speculation that Mr. Mikoyan's trip might be the forerunner to a visit by the United States by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, himself.

Although definite word on the exact date Mr. Mikoyan will be



Mr. Mikoyan

In Washington was not yet known, officials noted that his visit would presumably coincide with the opening days of the new congress.

As one of, if not the highest Soviet official ever to come to the United States, Mr. Mikoyan will be continually in the limelight and will be swamped with requests for public appearances and for television interviews.

The circumstances of his visit intrigued diplomats and observers here, as well as the unusual length of his two weeks.

Normal diplomatic usage is for a visit by a high official to another country to be cleared first through regular diplomatic channels, to determine whether the time is appropriate for the host country and whether an official invitation would be forthcoming.

Broader Trade

Both Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Mikoyan are anxious to broaden Soviet trade with United States. One of Mr. Mikoyan's aims may be to see what possibilities there are for more business.

The Soviet would like to buy industrial equipment of unspecified types; synthetic materials; rolled metals of iron and steel; pipelines; and chemical and medical equipment.

The Soviet Government is interested in obtaining substantial quantities of consumer goods, including textiles and home appliances.

Berlin

Although, on the surface, at least, Mr. Mikoyan's main talking point will be trade, informed diplomats here believe that Berlin will play the most important part in his talks with senior U.S. officials.

Diplomatic sources speculated that, as East and West had reached an apparent impasse over Berlin, the Soviet Union had initiated the Mikoyan visit as one way of "softening the edges" of the problem.

They said it was possible that this was the Soviet way of providing an opening for examining the respective positions of East and West a little more clearly—informally and without commitment. Reuter.

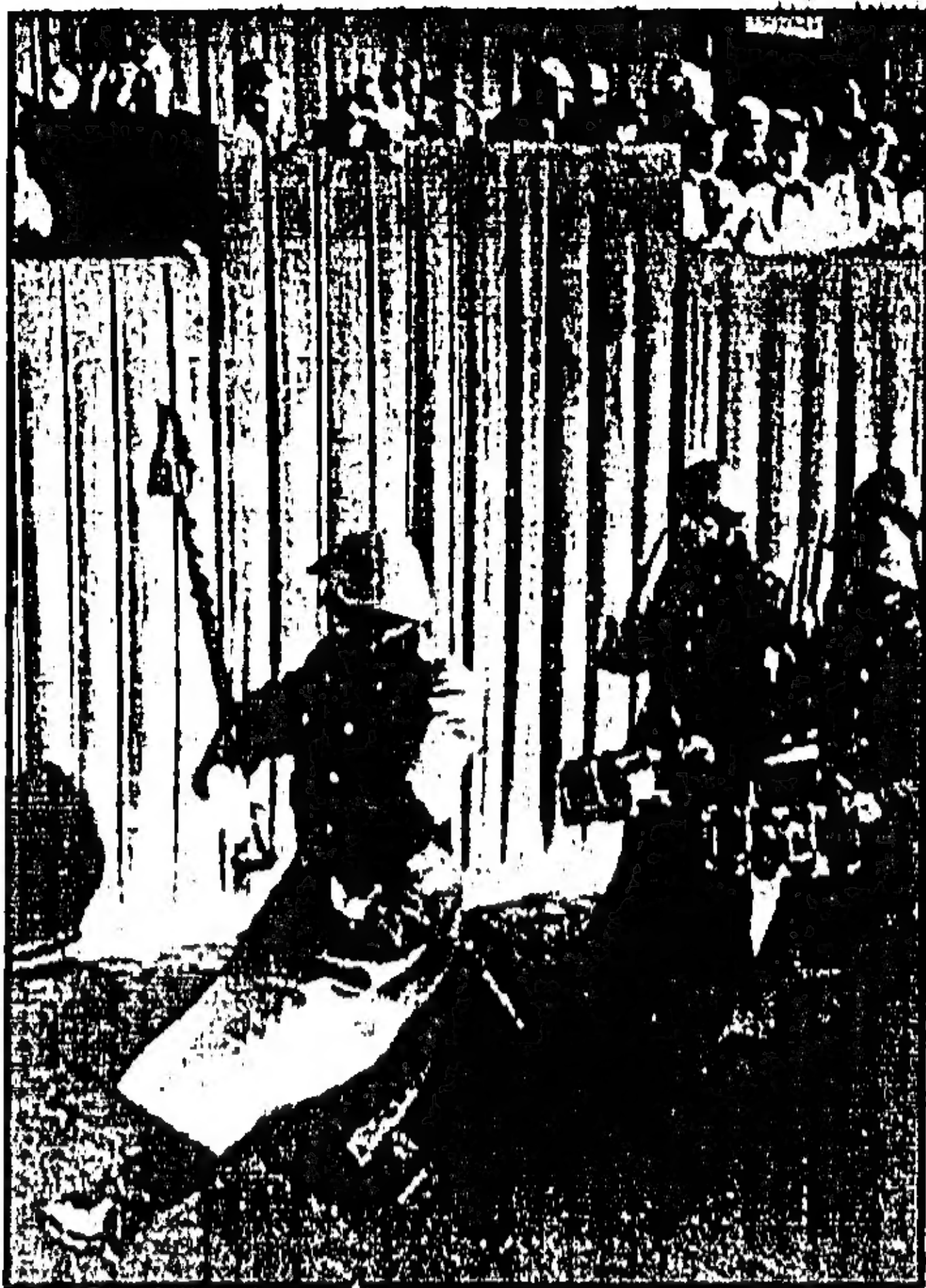
New Air Force

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 18.

The Royal Malaysian Air Force today enlisted its first 35 recruits.

The new airmen will next month start 18 weeks basic training with the Royal Air Force at Seletar Base, Singapore.

Some of them will later go abroad for more training. Reuter.



East German Communist chief and Deputy Premier Ulbricht salutes members of an East German People's Army unit goose-step past in East Berlin on December 12. Returning for an official six-day visit to Poland, Ulbricht hinted that red troops would invade West Germany if any attempt is made by the West to break Berlin blockade.—U.P.I. Radiophoto.

SCIENTIST GIVES DOG TWO HEARTS

Berlin, Dec. 18.

A prominent Soviet scientist transplanted a second heart in a dog in a demonstration of his operative technique for East German physicians, the Communist German ADN News Agency reported today.

The operation was performed by physiologist Vladimir Demichov at the Karl Marx University's surgical clinic in Leipzig, East Germany, the agency said.

Dr. Demichov was assisted during the four-hour operation by an East German surgeon and his own Soviet assistants.

Mid East Tension

Tel Aviv, Dec. 18.

Tension on the Israeli-Syrian border increased today following Israeli press reports of Syrian troop concentrations on the border.

But well-informed circles here discount rumours of general mobilisation, although they say the situation is being closely watched. Reuter.

Lively

The day after the operation the two-beated dog was brought into the clinic on a leash so students could see how lively it was.

Dr. Demichov first gained notice some months ago when he transplanted a dog's head to another dog.

The agency said Dr. Demichov also showed a film to students

British Vice Bill Published

London, Dec. 18.

The British Government today published a bill which aims to stamp out loitering for prostitution and related vice by a heavy stepping-up of fines and the option of gaol sentences.

Hitherto prostitutes could be fined up to £2, and could not be imprisoned.

The new bill proposes a £10 fine for a first loitering offence; £20 for a second offence and £25 or three months' gaol or both for a third of subsequent conviction.

The bill follows the publication of the report of the Sir John Wolfenden Committee which carried out an official investigation into the incidence of prostitution and homosexuality.

This revealed the wide extent of streetwalking for prostitution in London—where police prosecutions run into many thousands annually.

Heavier Sentences

The bill proposes to increase from two years to five years' imprisonment the maximum penalty for a man of living on immoral earnings, or a woman convicted of exercising control over a prostitute.

Under the bill proprietors of all-night cafes who allow prostitutes to assemble on their premises will be liable to heavier fines.

These are increased from the present £6 to £20 for a first conviction and from £20 to £50 for a second or subsequent conviction.

In addition the Court will be able on a first instead of a second conviction—to cancel the refreshment house's licence and to disqualify both holder and premises for five years.

Not Scotland

The bill applies to England and Wales—not Scotland or Northern Ireland—and will operate within a month of being passed by Parliament.

The new bill also eliminates the present requirement to establish that a prostitute had caused annoyance by her loitering or soliciting.

Politicians noted the bill proposes no action against men who consort with prostitutes. They expect controversy over this and also over the decision to make prostitutes liable to three months' imprisonment for repeated offences.

They also foresaw shadow criticism against eliminating the requirement to establish annoyance. Reuter.

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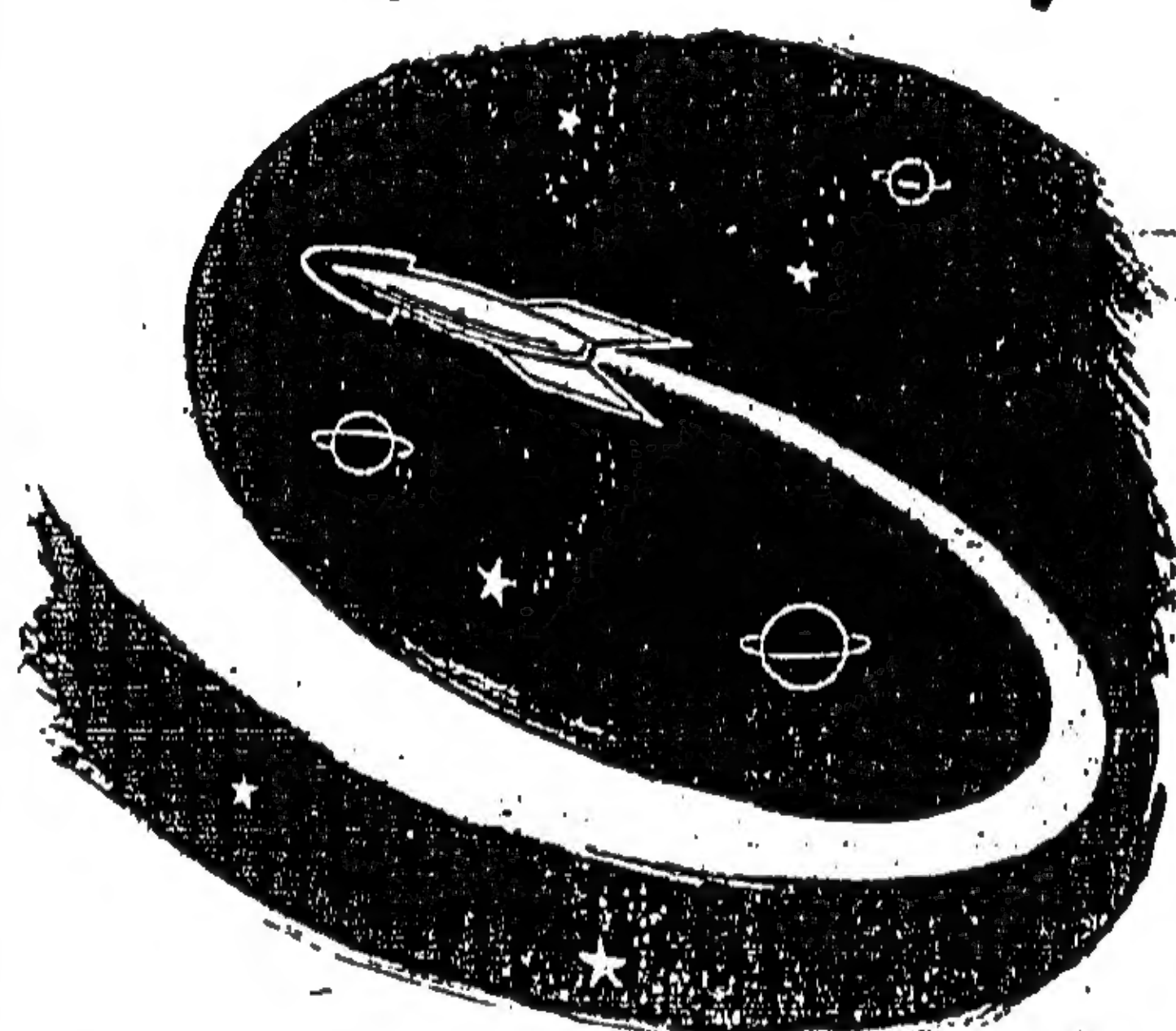
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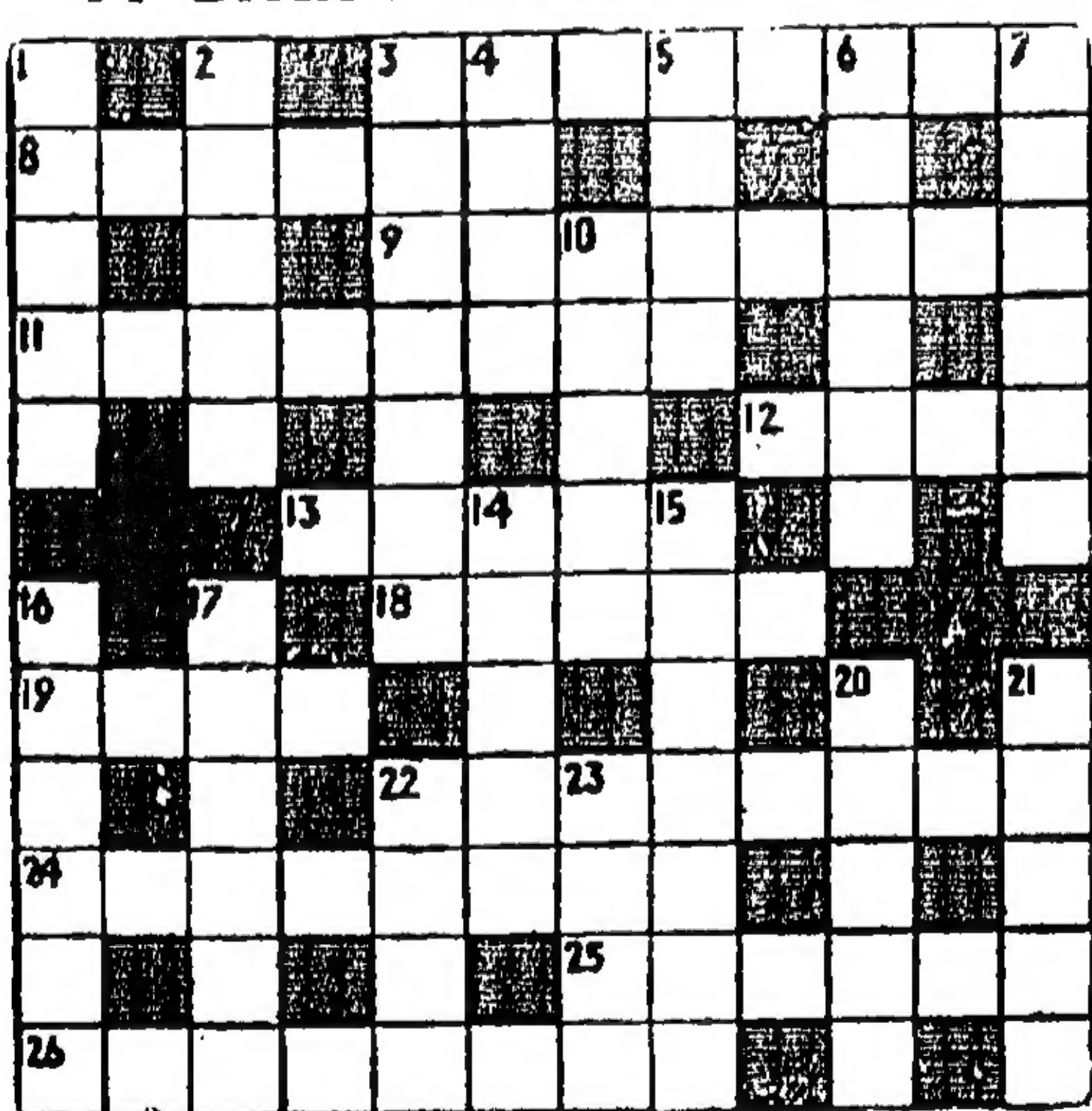
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- ACROSS**
- He always looks on the bright side (8).
 - Get out! (6).
 - Introductions (8).
 - Gets up and advances (8).
 - Determination (4).
 - Account entry (6).
 - They make forecasts (6).
 - Glib (4).
 - Pulled by fingers (8).
 - Old soldiers are said to be (6).
 - Fish never caught at sea (6).
 - Allment (8).
- DOWN**
- They may go with bounds (6).
 - Press ladle? (5).
 - Takes the side of the "noes" (7).
 - Forward (4).
 - Might she have threatened Cleopatra's needle? (4).
 - Innate (6).
 - What's the score? (8).
 - Positively uncanny (6).
 - Goes to the head of soldiers (6).
 - An aid to climbers in gardens (7).
 - Particles (6).
 - Almost I'm after is fishy (6).
 - Almost defunct military formation (6).
 - It may be a help if one wants to change bank (6).
 - Ship's officer in brief? (4).
 - Water colour! (4).

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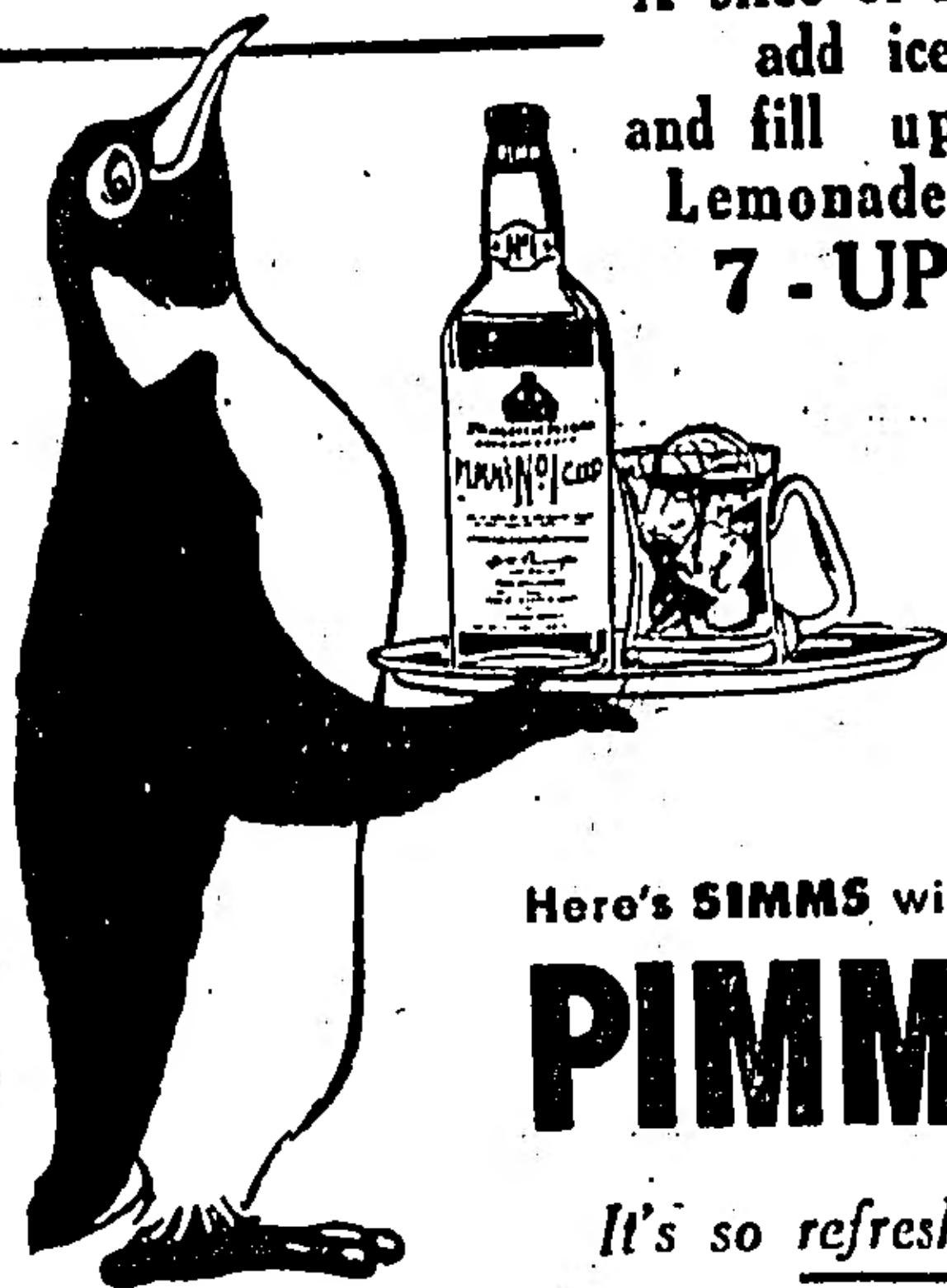
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ALL QUIET—BUT THE TRUTH IS HIDDEN BENEATH THE SURFACE

NOTTING HILL on a crisp December morning looks drab, but tranquil. You are bound to notice the legion of West Indians going about the streets. You could forget easily the bitter race rioting which shamed the district just three months ago.

The truth is hidden beneath the surface. Notting Hill in fact still simmers with prejudice, distrust, and even fear. Violence still lingers, in sudden, small outbreaks at night.

In quiet St Mark's Road, near the centre of the riot area, I found Mr Roy Lando looking at his patched-up shopfront. He is a half-dresser from Jamaica.

In four years he has created a flourishing business. In recent months his shop has been attacked seven times.

The attacks did not stop when the mass rioting was subdued. The last "attack" was subdued. On that night his persecutors smashed his windows as usual and then threw in a petrol bomb to start a fire.

"Now my insurance company have asked me to surrender my policy," Mr Lando told me. "And my business has suffered terribly. I have just dismissed two of my staff."

"Women customers are being scared off. Apart from the violence, they don't like Teddy boys shouting 'spade' or 'darkie' at them in the street."

The Mayor of Kensington has initiated a campaign to ease the tension. A variety of welfare organisations are busy. The police are ready for swift action. But anyone who knows the area knows the toughness of the problem, the high walls of suspicion and fear to be surmounted.

Prejudice

I went the other evening to a youth club in the heart of the riot area. The warden, Mr A. Briggs, a cheerful and evidently devoted man, told me the way his post-riot programme was going.

"We are trying to dig into the boys," he said, "that violence will not get them anywhere. It is all we can do for the first step. Later we will try to break down their prejudice against coloured people."

The prejudice is terrific. You might think I could try mixing the races here. Impossible. The boys say they will not have a coloured person in the place."

Some members of this club are still in prison for their part in the riots.

The heavy sentences on rioters were undoubtedly a deterrent, but they have also, in a way, contributed to the present tension. There is a resentful feeling among many white people

Anxious

This sounds grimly unlike the London most of us know, yet it is only a few minutes' walk from the candle-lit dining-rooms of prosperous Kensington.

Happily Mr Lando's experience is exceptional. Since the riots were quelled, only a few of the 5,000 West Indians in the district have suffered as he has. But through the community runs an anxiety that the ugly business may break out again.

In recent days, in many talks I have had in Notting Hill, this anxiety has emerged plainly. Nothing has changed really... it could all happen again.

Something simmering at Notting Hill . . .

by J. W. M. THOMPSON

that four-year gaol sentences on youths were excessive.

Sir Oswald Mosley's followers, who naturally are busy in the area, are supporting a campaign to ask for the sentences to be cut.

The notion that white youths were "victims" feeds prejudice; so a group of coloured people in Notting Hill are showing good sense and tolerance by organising their own West Indian petition against the four-year sentences.

There is no simple explanation for the state of affairs in Notting Hill today. That is what makes the problem so intractable.

Notting Hill was sorely overcrowded before the West Indian immigrants began arriving about five years ago. Now the population is one-tenth coloured.

Any such rapid influx in this kind of area would have led to trouble. The West Indians, because of their "high visibility" as the sociologists term it, make an easy target for resentment and envy as they compete for houses and jobs.

Notting Hill was a problem neighbourhood in other ways

before the West Indians arrived. The criminal population is high, in parts at least. And the average intelligence in these "difficult" sections is low, with illiteracy and poor IQ reported among the young people in exceptional proportions.

There is a long history of profitable vice; brothels and prostitution have long flourished in the neighbourhood. Housing conditions, in spite of considerable post-war building, are often appalling.

Take this mess, and spill into it in a few years, thousands of immigrants with some noticeably different ways—and the result was almost bound to be an explosive mixture.

Vice

It exploded three months ago. And since that shock there has not been much advance towards harmony.

Many of the white people still believe willingly almost anything bad about the immigrants. You are often told they are making fortunes out of organising prostitution, for example.

A NEW REPORT ON AN OLD TROUBLE SPOT

Bullock, warden of North Kensington Community Centre, "is not only a man, but a youth who is just ready for anything where excitement and violence are concerned. It is a sign of the times."

Exciting

The Rev. Ronald Arthur, vicar of the parish where the worst rioting took place, echoed him. "The disturbances were fomented by young hoodlums, some from other districts," he said.

"Part of it was the desire for dangerous excitement. That is what they live on, half of them, these days. I would not like to say it will not happen again."

Perhaps it will not happen again. It may be a long time before we can be sure.

New danger

Meanwhile there is one fresh danger drawing nearer all the time. There are almost no coloured adolescents in Notting Hill today. In a few years there will be many.

Then, if gangs of coloured youths should form to oppose the white street gangs, there will be a new and sinister turn to the story of violence in Notting Hill.

"We must be ready for that day," said all the social workers and local government officials to whom I spoke. "We must be."

After what I have seen in Notting Hill, I fervently hope they will be.

(London Express Service)

HOW MANY CHILDREN MAKE A FAMILY?

by BARBARA GRIGGS

PRINCE RAINIER, replying to questions in New York about a possible third little Rainier, replied: "Pure invention. Two are enough." He did not say whether Princess Grace shared this view.

ARE Two enough? Is father, mother, boy, girl, like the Rainiers, a perfect-sized family?

Personally, I think it is open to question. Most people will agree that the only child is not the happiest; he tends to be lonely, too much fussed-over, far shyer than members of large bouncing families; he is not so good at mixing with other children and is much less independent.

The signs

At my boarding school you could pick out these only-children a mile off—for all those reasons.

They were, on the other hand, the children whose parents descended most frequently to take them out for enormous teas; they got more parcels and long loving letters, and they were always, always, much independent.

Also, of course, their uniforms were always brand-new. No dreary old hand-downs for them, the lucky things—at school, the infallible sign of the large-family child.

Two children are not very much better off. If they quarrel there is no third to come between them and patch up the row or soothe them down—no cosy plots or conspiracies.

And if he is a boy and the other a girl, they tend to drift their own ways—the mother taking more interest in her daughter, the son wanting to

spend most of his time with his father or the other way round. Jealousy of the second on the part of the first is not easily avoided, according to many child specialists, without exceptional love and tact on the part of the parents.

Parents keep their families down to one or two for various reasons. They feel they do not want to cut down on life's little luxuries.

They are living in a perfectly nice flat and more children would mean moving to a house. They want to enjoy being together without too many strings of wet nappies, howling babies or children running around all the time.

Example

The wife is of frail health—she cannot cope with all the work involved in house, children and husband.

Or they both feel they could not give more children the upbringing and education they would like for them—public schools for the boys, trips abroad, decent clothes and all the rest of it.

Or they just do not like children. (None of these reasons seems to apply to the Rainiers, so there must be others.)

People in favour of small families are fond of pointing to the highly-populated Mediterranean countries. ("When I was in Naples..." this argument always begins.)

They ask you to look at those shockingly poor families, dressed in rags, mothers worn out by years of childbirth, father without a sou for an occasional drink.

That large Italian families adore each other, cling to each other, and go on looking after stray members to the end of their lives (odd aunts doing the cooking, grandmothers sitting hunched up in corners) leaves them unmoved.

To people who are actually members of large families,

arguments against them are usually incomprehensible.

What better preparation for life, they say, than being a member of a large family? You learn to give and take. If you are silly or affected, the scorn and ridicule of brothers and sisters soon knocks it out of you.

Early lesson

No one allows you to have moods; and if you have them, you indulge them at your peril. You share your toys—or get them taken away from you.

You may want lots of clothes and nice possessions of your own; but you are early made to realise that you cannot have everything you want.

You learn a healthy respect for authority: in the shape of a godlike elder brother or stern older sister. And you learn to look after others—tiresome younger brothers or sisters.

The same respect for authority brings its own form of

independence—and there comes a time when the most persuasive "Darling—will you—be—un—angel—and—run—upstairs?" kind of request brings a flat refusal from hitherto amenable sister-slaves.

And fun

Large families come gloriously into their own at Christmas and during holidays; while the lonely only child is still being asked what happened—to that—nice—little—boy—next-door, or being jollied out of the way by uncles who want to smoke their cigars in peace.

All the fun of a large family—the plots, the private jokes, the feuds with cousins, the secret code and the private language is missed by children in ones or twos.

Above all, if a large family is poor, they are all poor together in defiance of the world. A television set and a family car seem to me wretched substitutes for brothers and sisters.

On the other hand, maintain the small—family school of thought, look at the misfits and the sensitive children in large families, driven permanently

into their shells by terror or dislike or shyness.

Look, they say, at Lord Montgomery, one of a family of nine, and utterly wrecked as a child.

But it seems to me extremely doubtful if sensitive or exceptional children fare much better on their own. Their sensibility is encouraged; their precocity egged on by hopeful mothers; or their timidity rooted in them for life by dominating fathers—who have no other children to shout at.

Marathon

Few people, however, can ever have been so strongly in favour of large families as the Toronto millionaire who in 1928 launched a Stork Marathon by leaving a million dollars to the Toronto family producing the largest number of children in 10 years.

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Four families finally galloped home to victory and a share-out of that prize.

Each of them had produced nine children. Good for them. But perhaps I'm biased. I'm the youngest of five myself.

(London Express Service)



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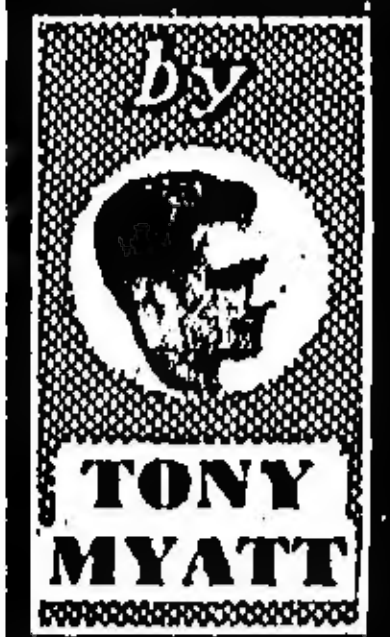
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Strong Point

Baguio started playing table-tennis in 1949 and coached by her husband, she made rapid progress. Of course there were many flaws which needed ironing out, but practice, practice and more practice finally took her to the top. To start with she was weak on the forehand and she is the first to admit, that regard-

less of all the practice it is still not up to par. She still possesses great attacking strokes, be it forehand or backhand but all the while she feels she is stronger in defence. Her strong point she told me is her backhand.

In 1950, just one year after she took up the game, Baguio won the Colony ladies' singles title. Since then she has only lost it in 1956. She won again this year. The doubles and the mixed doubles she has also won on several occasions.

Represented HK

Baguio has represented the Colony on four occasions in the Asian Championships. In 1951 in Singapore, she and her partner were runners-up in the mixed doubles. In Singapore again in 1953 she and her partner won the ladies' doubles championship, and in 1955 in Manila, she and her partner walked off with premier honours in the ladies' doubles. She was also in the Hongkong contingent that went to the Asian Games in Tokyo this year and won a silver medal in the ladies' doubles.

Greatest Moment

In 1951, Baguio went to Bombay for the World Table-Tennis Championships and received a consolation prize in the singles. It was the first time a local team had entered the championships.

these are the qualities the leading table-tennis

In her second attempt in the world championships, staged in Japan 1958 she was in the last eight of the singles entries.

The greatest moment in her career Baguio told me, was when the Japanese women's team, at that time world champions, visited Hongkong and she beat the world singles champion. It was a tough match she recalls, but she won through after three gruelling sets.

But, as I mentioned in the beginning, she is still not satisfied. Now she wants to become the world ladies' singles champion. And you want to know something? I think she can do it.

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Win For Turkey

Istanbul, Dec. 18. Turkey beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 in an international soccer match before a crowd of 25,000 at the Mihajlovic Stadium here today.

The half-time score was 0-0. U.P.I.

Pascual Perez Coming To HK Tomorrow

Manila, Dec. 19.

The world flyweight champion, Pascual Perez of Argentina, will leave tomorrow for Hongkong on route to Tokyo for a non-title bout with Japan's Sadao Yabuta on January 10, it was learned today.

The Filipino promoter, Sarreal, told UPI that Perez "will stay indefinitely in Hongkong" and may arrive in Tokyo "approximately December 24 or 25."

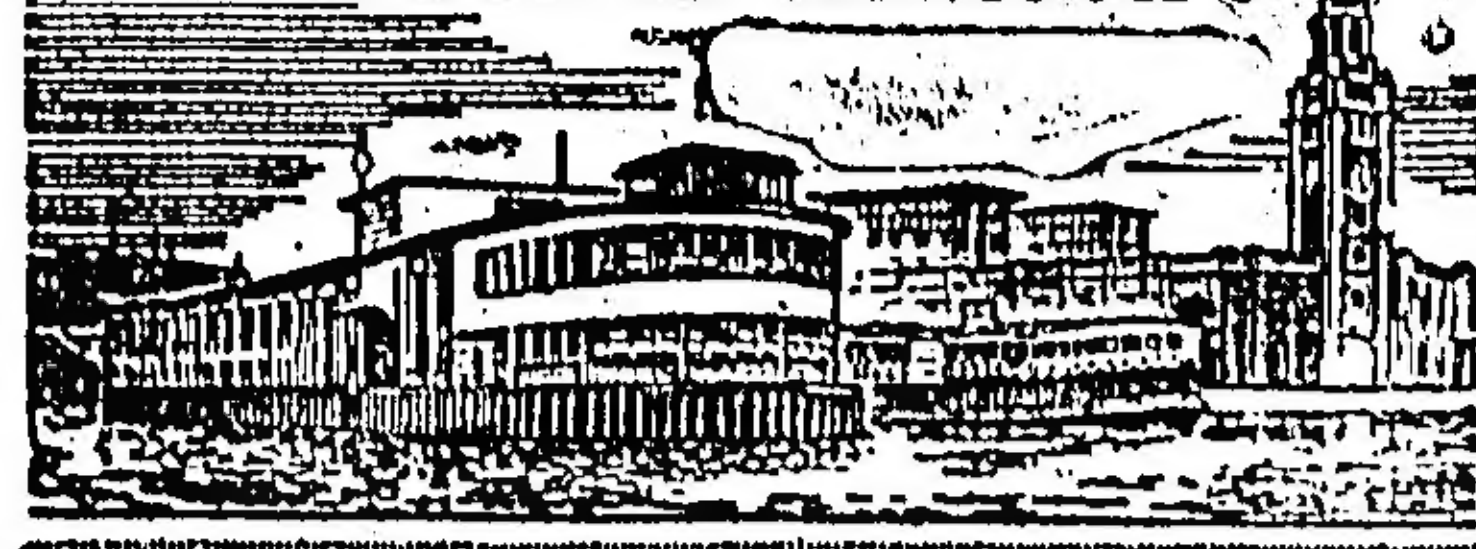
At the same time, Sarreal disclosed that he and Filipino featherweight Jet Bally will leave soon for Tokyo for the title fight between Bally and Hisao Kobayashi.

The Japanese Oriental featherweight champion is scheduled to defend his title against Bally on January 3 at Tokyo's Kocugen Stadium.

Sarreal said he is only waiting for approval of Bally's visa, which may come today or tomorrow.

Perez, who successfully defended the 112 pounds crown against Uraon on Monday, will be accompanied by his wife, Hermina, manager Lazaro Kocud trainer Felipe Segura. Sarreal said.—U.P.I.

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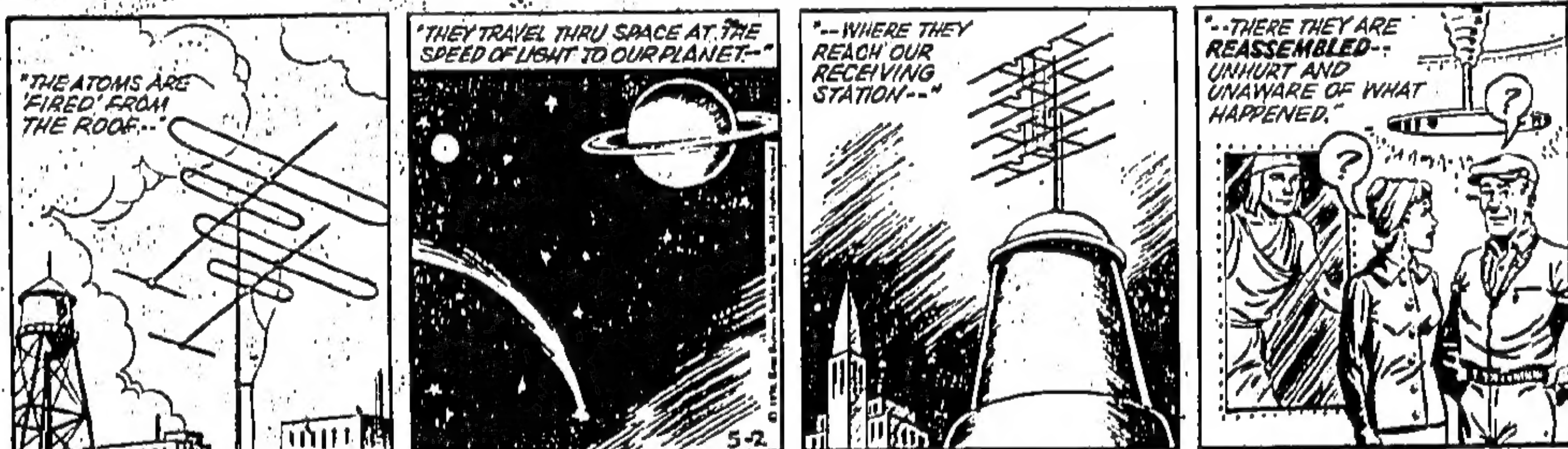
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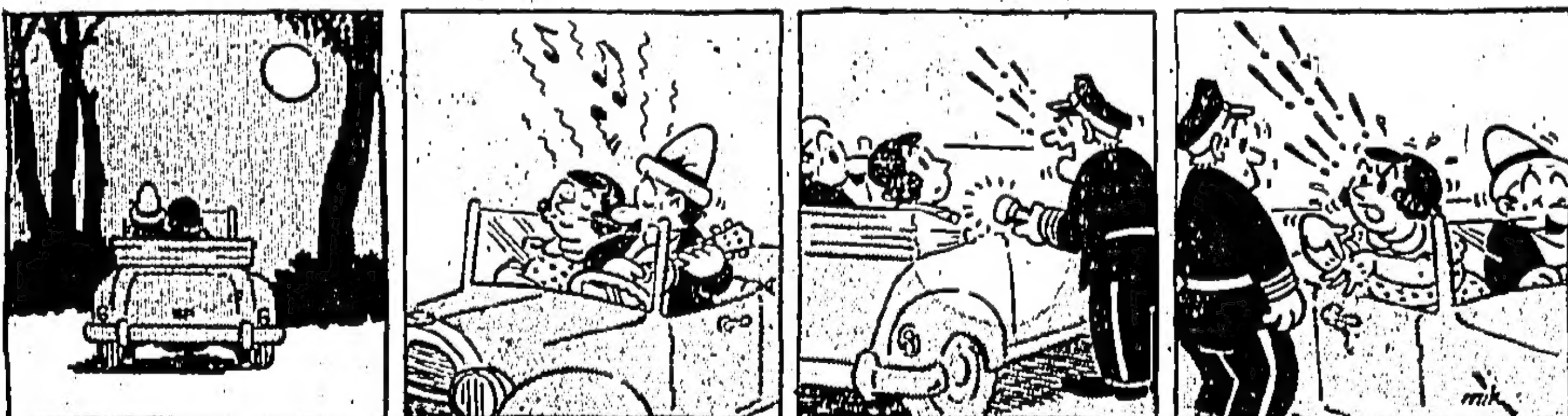
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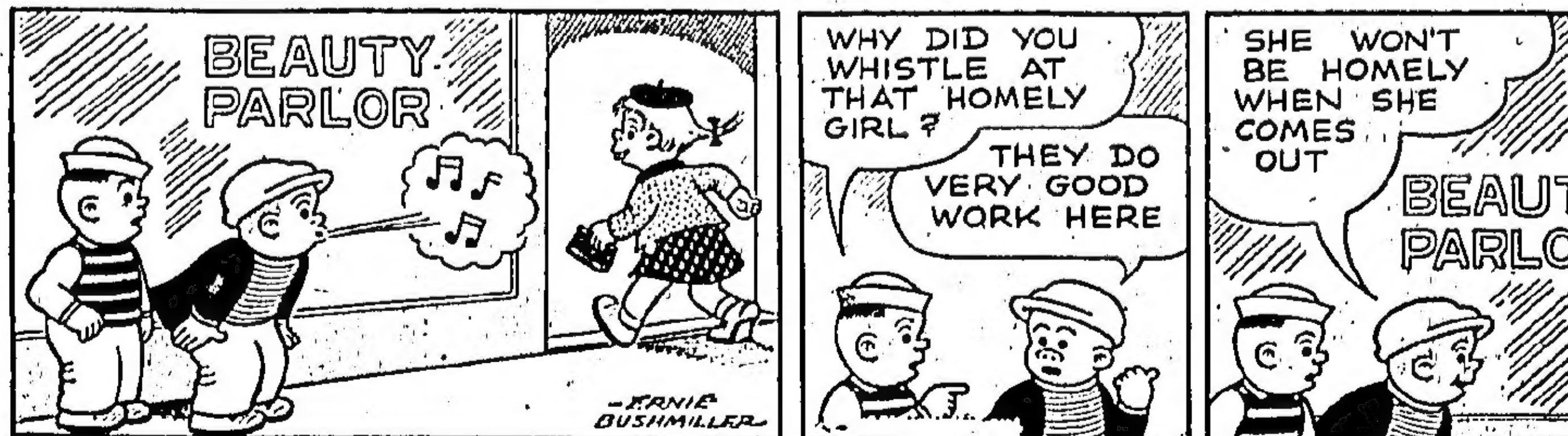
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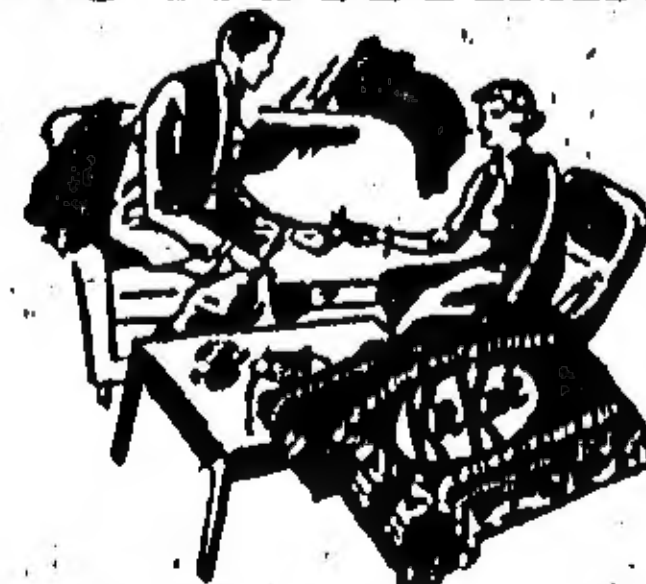


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While Althea is taking a long rest from tennis, her young rival Christine Truman is planning to train harder than ever before.

Instead of spending the winter months in Britain, she will be chasing the sun — either in South Africa or the West Indies. She has had invitations to take part in the South African championships and to join the round of tournament in the Caribbean.

Christine, who will be 18 next month, has not yet decided which invitation to accept. But either trip will be a valuable warming-up for the Wimbledon Championships in June.

In 1957, her first-ever Wimbledon, Miss Truman reached the semi-finals of the singles, where she was beaten by Gibson. This year, she beat Althea in the Wimbledon Cup and was seeded second at Wimbledon. — London Express Service.

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WEEKLY REPORT ON THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET BECOMES QUIET

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Up or Down	Dividend	Yield (%)
HS Bank	240	245b	255	260	262½	+2.50	\$48	5.98
Lombard	27n	27n	27n	27n	26.80b	—\$1.20	82	7.78
Union	73½b	72½a	71½n	70	71	+81	\$3.40	4.8
Wheelock	5.30	5.35	5.55	5.70	5.85	+5c	75c	13.27
HS Wharf	95a	95a	93n	94n	94½n	+50c	80	9.97
HS Docks	43a	42b	42½	43½	44½	+75c	68	17.97
Provident	12	11.00	12	11.00	11.00	steady	\$1.10	9.24
HS Hotels	21.30m	21.10	21.30	21.60	21.80	+10c	52	9.52
HS Lands	30½	30	30½	30½	30½	steady	\$2.40	7.80
HS Realty	1.35	1.35	1.35b	1.375	1.40	+2½c	15c	10.71
HS Trams	25.40	25.00m	25.90	26.10	26.30	+20c	\$1.90	7.22
Star Ferry	107½	107½	105	104b	103b	—51	89	8.74
Taamooka	88	88	92½	93½	93	—50c	58	8.6
Ch. Light	17.10	16.30xd	16.30	16.60	16.30	—30c	\$1.10	6.75
Electrica	24.40	24.20	24.60	25	24.90	—10c	\$1.90	7.03
HS Telephone	23.70	23.90	24	24½	24½	steady	\$1.75	7.14
C. I. Cement	24½	24.70	25	26	26.10a	+10c	33	11.40
Dairy Farm	15½	15.60	15.80	16.40	16.20m	—20c	\$1.80	11.14
A. S. Watson	12.40	12.60	13	13.10	13.10	—	61	7.60
Lone Crawford	13.40	13.40b	13.50b	14.10b	14.20n	+10c	\$1.50	10.50
Ind. Investment	5b	5.10	5b	5.30m	5.20b	—10c	65c	12.5
Allied	4.025n	4.05a	4.025n	4.05a	4.025n	—2½c	25c	6.21
HS & FE Inv	9½n	9½a	9½a	9½n	9.40	—10c	80c	8.51
Textile Corp	4n	3.85n	3.85n	3.85n	3.45b	—40c	60c	17.04
Nanyang	7.05	7.05	7.10b	6.80	6.40xd	—20c	80c	12.5

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Pakistani 111lbs Of Opium Found In His Cabin

A 58-year-old oil merchant from Pakistan, Currim Rahim, who was found to have a bag containing 111 lbs of raw opium worth about \$100,000 on his arrival from Karachi, was sentenced to three years and a fine of \$5,000 or another six months for possession of the opium by Judge B. J. Jennings at the Victoria District Court this morning.

A nolle prosequi was entered by the Prosecution on two charges of conspiracy to deal and import raw opium against the accused.

Two other accused in the case, Patchai Latha Ebrahim, 36, textile merchant, of Tanganyika, and Tse Tak-ming, alias Matthew Choy, 36, assistant manager, charged with conspiracy were remanded to this afternoon for their trial. Ebrahim was additionally charged with the opium possession.

Pleading guilty to the possession charge, Currim, through his Counsel, the Hon. Leo d'Almada, Q.C., unfolded a long story of how he came to be in possession of the drug.

Bag Left

He said he came to Hongkong with Ebrahim on a business transaction and while on the trip from Karachi by air, Ebrahim allegedly placed a bag containing the opium under his bed in his cabin.

Ebrahim, it was alleged left the ship at Colombo to fly to Hongkong, and Currim did not report the presence of the opium to the ship's officers for fear of possible consequences. Mr. d'Almada said when the Police searched about the opium when the ship docked in Hongkong, Currim had assisted them in their enquiries.

Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, told the Court that the opium was found in Currim's cabin on the Victoria when the ship arrived in Hongkong on September 25. The cabin had been shared by Ebrahim during the journey from Karachi to Colombo.

Knew Of Drug

Mr. Mayne said there was no suggestion that Currim had anything to do with the smugglers but there was evidence that he knew the presence of the drug prior to the goods arriving in Hongkong.

Mr. Mayne said the offence was a serious one and the quantity involved was of a large amount, which would cause serious harm to these people who were induced in drugs. Sentencing the accused, Judge Jennings said attempts had been made to stamp out opium in Hongkong. Prosecutions had been frequent but those involved were mostly mere carriers.

Currim was represented by Mr. d'Almada and Mr. S. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada. Tse was represented by Mr. Patrick Yu, on the instruction of Mr. Victor Lam, of Messrs Ford, Kwun and Co.

AMERICAN RETURNS

Private Richard G. Corden, one of the American soldiers taken prisoner of war in Korea and who elected to stay in China after the ceasefire, crossed the Hongkong border early this afternoon.

He said he hoped to be back in America for Christmas. "I never intended to stay in China permanently. I was just waiting for the most suitable time to return—and this is it."

Kowloon Sub-Treasury To Move

The Kowloon Sub-Treasury situated at No. 637, Nathan Road is to move to new premises at No. 35, Argyle Street where business will be conducted as from Saturday, December 27. The Sub-Treasury's present premises in Nathan Road will be closed on the same day.

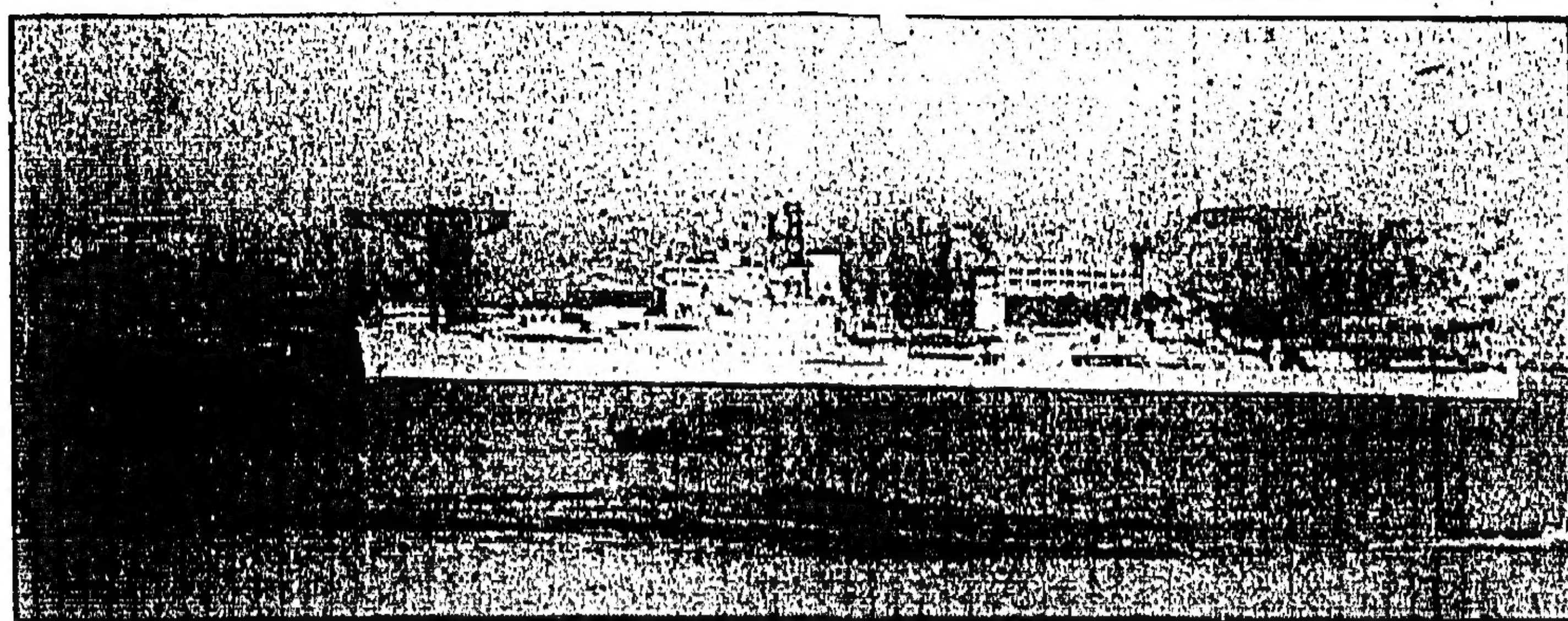
New Road

Work will begin soon on the construction of an approach road to the new Military Cemetery at Cape Collinson. The approach road, which will be half a mile in length, will also serve the Government Crematorium at Cape Collinson. The road, starting from Cape Collinson Road, will pass through the new Colonial Cemetery.

Air Service Refused

The Government Gazette notified today that an application by the Far East Aviation Co., Ltd. for a licence to inaugurate a once daily service between Hongkong-Taipei and return has been refused.

Merchant Gaoled



Three RN Ships Arrive OTHERS HELD UP BY FOG

The British cruiser Ceylon (photographed above), destroyer Cavalier and the frigate Chichester arrived in port this morning.

They are three of the seven ships of the Far East station due to spend the Christmas vacation in Hongkong.

Because of heavy fog outside the harbour, the arrival of the four others—the aircraft carrier Albion and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships Tidesurge, Reliant and Resurgent—were delayed until this afternoon.

HMS Albion, wearing the flag of Rear Admiral V. C. Begg, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, was to have led the visiting fleet from Singapore.

But because of the delay of his flagship, Admiral Begg boarded the Chichester to arrive in port this morning.

This is his first visit to Hongkong since he took over from Vice Admiral L. G. Durieher at Singapore on December 2.

Triad Man Gaoled For 18 Months

A 49-year-old member of a triad society was sent to prison for a period of 18 months when he pleaded guilty to charges of membership of a triad society and criminal intimidation, before Mr. I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendant, Ng Hung, alias Tai Shaw, unemployed, was arrested by the Police on December 15, on a complaint by a prostitute, Ng Sheung, who alleged that he threatened to kill her after she had told him not to see her again.

One day as she was coming downstairs from her room, she saw the defendant waiting at the bottom of the stairs. He was armed with a triangular file.

She ran back upstairs and locked herself in one of the empty flats. He tried to get in, but could not. He was later arrested.

Drainage Works For Kowloon

Drainage and sewerage works to serve the first stage extension of the Lo Fu Ngam resettlement estate, Kowloon, will be put in hand towards the middle of January.

The drainage works are planned to serve four domestic blocks, with accommodation for about 4,000 people, which will be erected to the north of the existing buildings.

A salt water service reservoir, with a capacity of two million gallons, will also be built to supply sea water for flushing purposes to Lo Fu Ngam.

The new service reservoir will be situated on a hill behind the resettlement estate.

JUDGE ORDERS BROKER TO RETURN \$91,150 IN SHARES

An elderly Chinese merchant this morning obtained judgment from Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court for the return of \$91,150 worth of shares from a stock-broker who was said to have fled to Japan with his wife.

The plaintiff merchant was Hau Leung of 9 Landale Street. He was represented by Mr. Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo.

The broker, a member of the Stock Exchange, was Raymond Chung, alias Chung Hin-wah of 5 Tung Shan Terrace, top floor. Both he and his wife, formerly Betty O'Hay, were named as defendants, but they did not contest the action.

The plaintiff testified that up to April last year he had been buying and selling shares through Chung and had an arrangement with him whereby Chung would deposit his share scrips with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and obtain advances for him up to 50 per cent of the value of the shares.

In Wife's Name

The plaintiff said that Chung told him he would deposit the shares in his wife's name and obtain the advances through her because he did not want to mix up the plaintiff's money with his because he also had facilities at the bank.

Last December Chung bought on his behalf 6,000 shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. and 1,500 shares in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co Ltd, said the plaintiff.

He said that in April this year he decided to settle accounts with Chung so he sold 2,000 Hotels shares. On April 24 Chung handed him three receipts. One was for 1,000 Dock shares and 1,500 Hotel shares which were held against an overdraft of \$36,000.

The plaintiff said he accepted this overdraft as being for his benefit.

Door Closed

He continued that the other two receipts were for 500 Hotels which Chung undertook to return on April 28 and 2,000 Hotels which Chung promised to return on April 29.

"At about 1 p.m. on April 28 I went to Chung's office at 10 Ice House Street and I found the door closed," the plaintiff told the Court. He added that he had gone there previously around the same time on many occasions and the door had always been open.

He said then he tried to contact both Mr. and Mrs. Chung at their residence, but found they had moved. Since then he had been unable to trace them, but he learned that they had gone to Japan.

The plaintiff said that he was only able to trace 500 shares deposited in his name at the Bank which the Bank was now holding pending the outcome of the action. He obtained an interim injunction on April 30 to preserve all the shares held.

The plaintiff said that on April 28 the Hotel shares were worth \$17.90 each and the Dock, \$43.50 each. Yesterday the shares had risen to \$21.40 and \$45.50 respectively.

Mr Justice Reece ordered that the 500 shares be returned to the plaintiff subject to any charge made by the Bank and he also ordered that the defendant return the other 1,000 Dock shares and 3,500 Hotel shares to the plaintiff or, alternatively to pay him \$91,150 (the value on April 28) less the value of any shares returned to the plaintiff (at the same value).

MAN KILLS HIMSELF BY FALLING UNDER BUS

A man who threw himself in front of a bus in an attempt to commit suicide on July 7, this year, was the subject of an inquest at Kowloon Court this morning.

The man, Lau Shum, 39, unemployed, had his thigh pinned under a wheel of the bus. The incident occurred at the junction of Lung Kwong Road and Prince Edward Road. He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital, where he died on July 12.

The inquest is being held before Mr. T. Creedon sitting as Coroner.

A jury of two women and one man returned a verdict of death by his own hand, adding that the driver was in no way to blame.

Driver's Evidence

The driver H. O. Wong, employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company testified that on July 7, at 8.15 a.m. he was driving his bus in Kowloon City.

When he reached the junction of Lung Kwong Road and Prince Edward Road, he saw the deceased walk forward and drop on his face on the road, about two feet in front of the bus.

The driver said he applied the brakes, but was unable to avoid him.

When he got out of the bus he found a wheel was pinning the man to the ground by his right thigh.

Extensive TB

Dr. T. C. Lee, of Kowloon Hospital, who performed a post mortem on the deceased, said death, in his opinion, was due to extensive tuberculosis of both lungs. He said deceased had the appearance of being a heroin addict.

P. C. 957 Lo Hang-long of Traffic Office Kowloon, said he took a statement from the deceased at the Kowloon Hospital after the incident.

Witness said deceased told him that he had tried previously to hang himself as he was suffering from an incurable disease, adding that he also had no money.

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